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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6061

BILL NUMBER: HB 1136

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 26, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Limitation on School Starting Date.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lehe

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits public schools and accredited nonpublic schools from beginning student instructional days for a school year before September 1, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

The bill excludes a year-round school, a school that has a balanced calendar of quarters, and a school that coordinates the school's calendar with that of a postsecondary educational institution.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provision changing the start and ending dates of the school year should have no impact on state expenditures. Schools would still be required to have at least 180 days of instruction per year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: There could be some impact on schools depending on how the school structures the calendar. The number of teacher contract days are not changed by the bill. Schools would still operate the same number of days. There could be some reduction in heating and cooling costs depending on when school is held.

Background: The following chart shows the school start dates for the 2012-2013 school year. The number of schools listed in the chart is greater than the number of school corporations and charter schools in the state.

Eleven school corporations have multiple start dates for schools within their corporation, and there are 26 schools that have year-round calendars.

School Start Date	# Public Schools	# Nonpublic Schools
7/23/2012	1	0
7/25/2012	2	1
7/26/2012	2	1
7/30/2012	2	0
7/31/2012	1	3
8/1/2012	16	8
8/2/2012	18	1
8/3/2012	5	0
8/6/2012	31	11
8/7/2012	12	5
8/8/2012	17	14
8/9/2012	18	14
8/10/2012	10	5
8/13/2012	44	31
8/14/2012	77	45
8/15/2012	55	55
8/16/2012	7	23
8/17/2012	12	2
8/20/2012	13	25
8/21/2012	12	17
8/22/2012	21	23
8/23/2012	3	6
8/27/2012	7	3
8/28/2012	0	1
9/4/2012	1	2
9/6/2012	1	0
# of Schools with Different Start Dates	388	296
% Starting Before 8/1	2.1%	1.7%
% Starting Between 8/1 and 8/10	32.7%	19.6%
% Starting Between 8/11 and 8/20	53.6%	61.1%
% Starting After 8/20	11.6%	17.6%

For FY 2012, schools spent about \$106.9 M on heating and cooling of schools.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education.

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